

**Calendar Waiver Request for New Innovative School Year
For the 2007-2008 School Year
Request for Approval Due by November 1, 2006**

Send the completed form below (and all attachments) to this address:

Del Hoover, Deputy Division Administrator
Division of Early Childhood, Elementary & Secondary Education
Iowa Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146

School District Name	AEA
School District Contact Person	Phone
By submitting this calendar waiver request for new innovative school year, your district makes the assurance below:	
<p>Our school district is <u>not</u> using the calendar waiver request for new innovative school year to add the equivalent of two teacher contract days for quality professional development pursuant to SF476.</p>	
a) Request for a New Innovative Calendar	
<p>_____ Our school district requests a calendar waiver for a NEW innovative calendar for the 2007-2008 school year and meets the criteria below:</p> <p>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our district has never applied for an innovative calendar<u>or</u>• is applying for a revised/different innovative calendar than the one it has for the 2006-2007 school year<u>or</u>• had an approved innovative calendar at some time in the past, stopped the practice, and wish to apply again.	
b) Rationale for Educational Impact Include the reasons why the school district seeks an innovative calendar. What local educational needs does the innovative calendar meet? What research supports these decisions?	

c) Proposed Calendar Changes Note: the calendar for 2007-2008 does not have to be created at this time, nor board approved at this time. Only the request for the new innovative calendar needs board approval.

_____ The school's calendar for 2006-2007 is attached.

_____ Number of student Instructional days in the 2006-2007 school year

_____ Proposed student instructional days for the 2007-2008 school year (more or less than 180 – Please note that districts must maintain and demonstrate an equivalent number of instructional hours regardless of the change in instructional days.)

Summary of the calendar changes for the innovative calendar request:

d) Documentation of Public Hearing If a school board meeting is used for this purpose, the request for a new innovative calendar must be a regular agenda item that allows for public comment.

_____ Minutes of the meeting that verify that the public hearing for the innovative calendar request was held are attached.

_____ The public hearing could not be held by November 1, 2006. The district will send this documentation as soon as possible.

Common requirements for a public hearing include:

1. Prior publication of date, time, and place of hearing
2. Purpose(s) of the hearing shall be included in the notice.
3. The specifics of the notice vary. See authoring statutes at: <http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-ICE/default.asp?category=billinfo&service=IowaCode> by entering the appropriate chapter and sections.

The public hearing is designed to provide an opportunity for the public to have input on the proposed issue. It can be part of the regular board meeting, or it may be a special board meeting. In either case, the minutes of the meeting shall document that the public was given an opportunity to comment regardless of whether anyone in fact attended or provided input.

Please note: Waiver/exemption requests that fail to document the opportunity for public input will be denied.

Please note: Waiver requests that have a deadline defined by Iowa Code are strictly adhered to. The Department does not have the authority to waive deadlines set in Code.

e)

Goal(s) for the 2007-2008 School Year:

Data from the 2007-2008 School Year that Will Measure Goal Progress:

Required Signatures

_____ Superintendent _____ Date

_____ Board President _____ Date

The Iowa Department of Education will complete the section below.

Yes	No	Required Components of Request for New Innovative School Year
		a) Request for innovative school year, including signatures of both superintendent and board president
		b) Rationale for educational impact
		c) Proposed calendar changes (This does NOT mean that the district's calendar must be board approved prior to submitting the request)
		d) Documentation of the notice of public hearing
		e) A list of savings and goals to be attained under the innovative school year
Yes	No	Results of Request for a New Innovative School Year
		Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code section 279.10 (1999), the Department grants your school district's request for a new innovative school year for the 2007-2008 regularly established school year.
Approved by:		